

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY RANGOON

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9467

INFO AMEMBASSY BONN

C O N F I D E N T I A L RANGOON 1015

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, BM, GW

SUBJECT: RANSOM FOR KIDNAPPED GERMAN TECHNICIAN

1. USUALLY RELIABLE BURMESE SOURCES REPORT THAT KACHIN INDEPEND-  
ENCE ARMY INSURGENTS WHO ABDUCTED GERMAN MINING TECHNICIAN GERD  
WINDHEIM MARCH 4 HAVE DEMANDED RANSOM OF DM 1 MILLION FOR HIS  
RELEASE. FRG REPORTEDLY IS PREPARED TO PAY THE RANSOM BUT GUB  
IS RELUCTANT TO ALLOW IT TO DO SO. FRG EMBOFF, QUERIED ABOUT  
STATUS OF WINDHEIM CASE, DECLINED TO DISCUSS SUBJECT.

2. COMMENT: NOT ONLY DOES FRG HAVE LEVERAGE IN FORM OF SIZEABLE  
AID PROGRAM, IN WHICH MOST RECENT AID AGREEMENT HAS NOT YET BEEN  
RATIFIED BY FRG, IT COULD, AND IF NECESSARY PRESUMABLY WILL, MAKE  
PAYMENT IN BANGKOK NOTWITHSTANDING ANY GUB OPPOSITION.  
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